



# Klawock City School District

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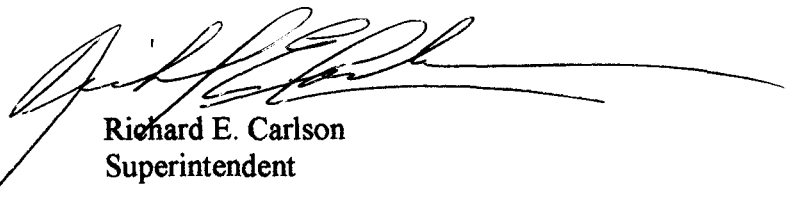
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Enclosed please find a resolution adopted by the Klawock City School District Board of Education opposing mandated school district consolidation. The Klawock Board of Education strongly believes in the principle of local control and finds no compelling research that supports consolidation. Research fails to demonstrate that consolidation improves academic performance or generates significant cost savings. The only guaranteed result of consolidation is to distance citizens from the governance of their local school. Therefore, the Klawock City School District Board of Education is asking your support in opposing mandated school consolidation.

Sincerely,



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# **KLAWOCK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Resolution 2003-3**

### **Opposing Mandated School District Consolidation**

Originated by: Klawock City School District

**WHEREAS** mandated school district consolidation would significantly reduce local control in many school districts in Alaska, and

**WHEREAS** studies fail to demonstrate improved academic performance in consolidated school districts, and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska Legislative Budget and Audit Committee studies suggested only minor savings by consolidating school districts, and

**WHEREAS** a similar study conducted by the State of Washington Legislative and Budget Committee suggests there are significantly better ways to cut costs, and

**WHEREAS** the AASA encourages and supports cooperative and school service opportunities to reduce costs,

**THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED** that the Alaska Association of School Administrators opposes any legislative effort that would mandate school district consolidation.

Adopted: October 16, 2003